

NEWSLETTER

Captain Ray Collins, Editor



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

At long last the exterior remodeling on the Heritage Center is winding down. The end is actually in sight. To briefly summarize, we have a new slate roof, new gutters, the old paint removed and a new fresh paint job in place. The columns at the entrances of the building have been restored and the landscaping has been done. All in all, the old City Hall is once more a building all Astoria can be proud of.

A small amount of exterior work still remains, but as mentioned above, the end is in sight. Of special interest is the two new light standards which are in place at the main west entrance. They are duplicates of the original lights used when the building was built in 1904. In addition, there are spot lights so one can see how nice the building looks at night.

Some interior work is also being done, and by the first of May we should have all major projects accomplished and all set for a busy summer season.

Captain Collins

TRULLINGER PAINTINGS

The Clatsop County Historical Society Board of Director recently voted to purchase J.H. Trullinger paintings from the estate of Fred and Lallah Cabanski (née Virginia Trullinger), Scandi. Eight paintings were purchased and two donated from Briggs Cornish Ltd. of Gearhart. The paintings purchased were primarily Oregon landscapes, but also included two portraits, one of Raymond Trullinger (the painter's nephew) as a boy.

The Society now has twenty Trullinger paintings in our collection with the addition of these recent purchases. We hope to be in a position to sponsor a J.H. Trullinger Exhibit in the near future.

Rebecca Rubens - Archive Volunteer

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE FLAVEL HOUSE

It was exciting for those who attended the nostalgic Fashion Presentation and Tea on March 27. Even the weather cooperated to make this special event concluding Women's History Month in Clatsop County a success.

With piano music from bygone days setting the mood, over 100 admiring guests watched as fashions from the collections of Clatsop County Historical Society and Victoriana of Seaside were modeled by the 1988 Regatta Court, consisting of Monique Falleur, Anne Fisher, Candice Flint, Cheri Springer, and Tracy Weaver. Escorted by Richard Bolle, Bob Eaton, and Daymon Edwards, the Court and other models Karen Beauchamp, Bea Bolle, Rhonda Dedmon, Rosetta Hurley, Shannon Meeker, and Ronda Johnson, presented the vintage fashions from the 1880's - 1950's.

Our thanks to: Co-chairs Gail Collins and Carol Vernon; Betty Phillips at the piano for her rendition of many of our favorite songs; photographer Michael Thomsen; Harbor Street Flowers; dressing room assistants McLaren Innes, Shanna Smith, and Joanie Wheeler; Carol Swensen for publicity; and those of you who contributed refreshments. We appreciate each and every one of you.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

With the retirement of our Executive Director, Captain Ray Collins has been serving as Interim Director.

Sharon Gabiola, Executive Secretary, has moved to Ohio to join her husband who has been transferred.

Elisa Kennedy is now working in the office as Executive Secretary. Elisa has been in Astoria for ten years and had worked for seven years at Clatsop Community College. One of her responsibilities is the processing of all memberships. She invites you to stop by and say hello.

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CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Guest speaker at the April 20th lunch meeting will be Leonard Vernon. He will be presenting a slide show "Steamboats in Columbia River." The luncheon will be held at the Wickiup Inn in Svensen - menu is a three piece chicken dinner with choice of soup or salad for \$4.75 (gratuity not included).
Program Chairman, Bruce Berney requests that you call Elisa, 325-2203 and make reservations if you will be attending.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

1. Paper Cutter (office and archives)
2. Scissors (volunteer's desk)
3. Four-Drawer Standard File Cabinet (archives)
4. Two-Drawer Standard File Cabinet (office)
5. Two or Three Push Button Phones (standard size, not hand held sets)
6. Map Case (archives)
7. Small Step Stool - sturdy and lockable (archives)
8. Metal Shelving Units (archives)
9. 30-Cup Coffee Maker (Flavel House)
10. Folding Chairs (Flavel House and Heritage Center)

Being frugal and working within a budget, we at CCHS are always asking for supplies that are needed in the office, archives, or at the Flavel House from our membership. If you have any of the following sitting around gathering dust and getting in your way, please feel free to donate them to your Society. We need the following items, and are grateful for your support and generosity.

WISH LIST

Jean Anderson

The swallows have returned from Capistrano leading me back from California where I basked in the sun for one whole month. This sojourn would not have been possible if Bert Levy, Gail Collins Jessie Allred, and Ted McCue had not been willing to be responsible for the desk. The volunteers made special effort to work their shifts and welcome guests. I want to thank them in this column for the duties they performed not only for me but on your behalf. When you see them you might thank them in person.
The first of May marks our return to summer hours, and one by one the people who take the winter off are drifting back and assuming their places in the scheme of things. We have had more visitation this winter, and it seems as though we have been discovered.
In another area, Roger has planted 104 rhododendrons given to us by Dr. and Mrs. Curtis McKinney, and some time in the future we are going to be ablaze with color. How nice for visitors to see such elegance in the center of town.

FROM FLAVEL HOUSE

Memberships Luncheon, Wickiup Inn, Svensen
Jane Barnes Day:
Kanaid MacDonald dedication, Fort Astoria
Jane Barnes Back-Street Parade
Temperance League Ice Cream Social
Jane Barnes Tavern Tour
Gala Crowning Ceremony, Astoria Elks
noon
1:30
6:30-8:30
7:30-11:30
midnight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20 noon
May 21